
SENATE BILL 5527

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By Senators Morton, Mulliken, Schoesler, Carrell, Benson, Honeyford, McCaslin and Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting automatic fee increases; amending
2 RCW 43.135.055; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.135.055 and 2001 c 314 s 19 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) No fee may increase in any fiscal year by a percentage in
7 excess of the fiscal growth factor for that fiscal year without prior
8 legislative approval.

9 (2) No fee may be increased through the use of an automatic
10 escalation clause, such as by fiscal growth factor or the consumer
11 price index, without prior legislative approval.

12 (3) This section does not apply to an assessment made by an
13 agricultural commodity commission or board created by state statute or
14 created under a marketing agreement or order under chapter 15.65 or
15 15.66 RCW, or to the forest products commission, if the assessment is
16 approved by referendum in accordance with the provisions of the
17 statutes creating the commission or board or chapter 15.65 or 15.66 RCW
18 for approving such assessments.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 immediately.

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